

## Start the New Year Off Right with Online Workshops

The North Carolina Museum of History offers several six-week online workshops for educators. Teachers can earn continuing education credits, boost their knowledge of North Carolina topics, and get ideas for classroom activities. These self-paced workshops are available to public, private, and homeschool educators.

The courses provide up to four CEUs (40 contact hours) but can be tailored to the number of contact hours (including regular, reading, and technology credits). Each workshop costs \$40. The schedule for upcoming workshops includes:

\***North Carolina Geography**, January 1–February 15, 2011

\***Legends of North Carolina**, February 15–April 1, 2011

\***Antebellum North Carolina**, April 1–May 15, 2011

\***Stories from the Civil War**, May 15–July 1, 2011

\***Brother Can You Spare a Dime? The 1930s in North Carolina**, July 1–August 15, 2011

For more information about the workshops, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/edu/ProfDev.html](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/edu/ProfDev.html). A printable registration form is available at [ncmuseumofhistory.org/collateral/profdevelopment.pdf](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/collateral/profdevelopment.pdf). For additional details about the online workshops, call 919-807-7971, or e-mail Tricia Blakistone at [tricia.l.blakistone@ncdcr.gov](mailto:tricia.l.blakistone@ncdcr.gov).

## Museum Offers Many Resources for Educators

Bring the resources of the North Carolina Museum of History into your classroom through **History-in-a-Box** kits! These multidisciplinary teaching tools provide background materials, reproduction artifacts, lessons, and activities that tie North Carolina history in with language arts, science, math, and visual art.

All kits are available for loan for three weeks. Please help the museum offset the cost of shipping with a voluntary contribution of \$5 per kit (you also pay return UPS shipping). Teachers in the Raleigh area can save shipping costs by picking up and returning kits to the museum.

A wide range of topics are available, including new kits based on the regions of the state. Other topics include the Civil War, World War II, agriculture, the colonial period, pottery, and primary sources. To learn more, access [ncmuseumofhistory.org/edu/HistoryBox.html](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/edu/HistoryBox.html).

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Did you know that in addition to providing free

copies of *Tar Heel Junior Historian* twice a year to THJHA club members, the museum offers library and private individual subscriptions to the magazine for \$8 per year (two issues)? Back issues are also available to teachers for \$2 each, and classroom sets are offered, too. To learn more, access [ncmuseumofhistory.org/thjha/magazine.html](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/thjha/magazine.html).

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The museum's searchable online database at [nchistoryresources.org](http://nchistoryresources.org) can link educators to these and many other education resources about North Carolina history. The resources—which can be easily integrated into the state public school curriculum—include printable articles, online time lines, and direct links to the museum's educational programs. They are searchable by keyword, audience, school grade, and curriculum goal number.

The North Carolina Museum of History will host the 15th annual American Indian Heritage Celebration on Saturday, November 20. It will host the 10th annual African American Cultural Celebration on Saturday, January 29. Be sure to check the Web site for more information on these exciting events.



# Adviser Newsletter

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## The THJHA Exhibit is on the Move

In preparation for the North Carolina Museum of History's permanent chronological exhibit *The Story of North Carolina*, scheduled to open in spring 2011, the *Tar Heel Junior Historian Association* exhibit is on the move. In May, the exhibit will shift temporarily from its current location to the second-floor walkway in the museum. Because this will be a smaller space, there is a chance that the association will not be able to display all of the winning contest entries at that time.

But the next step is exciting for THJHA! The exhibit will move again by the fall of 2011, to a new third-floor gallery that is much larger than the current space. The museum staff hopes to take this opportunity to completely reimagine the exhibit. The plan would add more hands-on history activities for students, as well as provide more context for the displayed projects. We hope this interactive, engaging new gallery will

raise awareness of the THJHA program and better display the work of your students, while inspiring even more visitors to explore history.

Does your club have any upcoming field trips or activities that the museum staff might be interested in filming, or using photographs of, for the new gallery? If so, please let the program coordinator know! Stay tuned for more information on the exhibit makeover. We may be contacting you and your students for input and assistance with this effort.

### Did You Notice?

The Tar Heel Junior Historian Association has a new logo. This logo was developed as the first step toward a fresh look for the THJHA gallery. All club members received stickers with the new logo this year. Let us know if you add any members throughout the year and need additional club materials.

The 2011 Annual Contest rules, regulations, and essay prompts are available online at [ncmuseumofhistory.org/collateral/10-11ContestInfoFINAL.pdf](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/collateral/10-11ContestInfoFINAL.pdf).

Christopher Crittenden Quiz questions and essay prompts have been e-mailed to advisers. Contact Jessica Pratt if you did not receive this information.

See page 2 for more contest notes.

The Tar Heel Junior Historian Association *Adviser Newsletter* is published periodically during the school year by the Education Section of the North Carolina Museum of History. It is sent to all THJHA advisers.



The Museum's Home Page:  
<http://ncmuseumofhistory.org>  
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# Contest and Convention News and Notes

## Take Aim at New Photo Category

This year, just in time for the Civil War sesquicentennial, THJHA is debuting a new category in its North Carolina Historic Architecture Photography Contest. The Civil War Markers and Monuments category offers a chance for students to document the architectural styles of battlefield monuments, cemetery markers, and memorial statues relating to North Carolina's experience in the Civil War. This new category will be sponsored by the North Carolina Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Students can search a database of Civil War monuments by city or county on the Department of Cultural Resources Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee's Web site, located at [ncmonuments.ncdcr.gov/](http://ncmonuments.ncdcr.gov/). The site also suggests books for further reading on the topic.

Please see the THJHA 2011 contest rules and regulations packet for more information on this new category and the Photography Contest in general.

## Don't Dump Those Files

Last year the museum staff requested digital files of winning images in the Historic Architecture Photography and Artifact Search contests. The result was a higher-quality display in the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Gallery. In 2011 we may also ask for digital files of winning entries in the essay contests due to the upgrade and move of the exhibit.

We will contact the advisers of clubs with winning entries after the Annual Convention to request that all of these digital files be e-mailed to us. Please create a folder on your computer (or burn a CD) to keep the files that are submitted, titling them with each student's name so they are easy to locate when we contact you. Do not send digital files with contest entries. Refer

## Mark Your Calendars



All 2011 entries for the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association's Annual Contest must be postmarked by 5 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2011.

The 2011 Annual Convention will be held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh on Friday, April 29, 2011. This may fall during spring break for some clubs. Please check your school calendar and plan accordingly. More information on registration will be sent.

If your club is on break during this time, and you are unable to take a field trip, your students still can submit projects for the contests. You can encourage families to attend the convention (they must register in advance), and students can watch the awards ceremony live online.

Please be sure to add the program coordinator's e-mail address to your address book:  
**[jessica.pratt@ncdcr.gov](mailto:jessica.pratt@ncdcr.gov)**

to the 2011 contest materials for appropriate formats for contest submission.

## Remember the Special Awards

Projects submitted in the Literary Contest and the Video Documentary Contest are also eligible for THJHA Special Awards. Categories for these awards include Genealogy, Sports History, and Youth Preservation. Check the 2011 contest materials for further information on the Special Awards and on the requirements that projects must meet to qualify for the Genealogy Award.

## Tell Us What You Think

We have set up a survey to find out how you use the *Tar Heel Junior Historian* magazine with your club and to collect your opinions on the idea of an online magazine. Please tell THJHA what you think at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q3V9CDV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q3V9CDV). You must respond by November 24.

## Give your students a chance to meet the real George Washington!

That's right! President and Mrs. George Washington arrived at the North Carolina Museum of History in September for an extended visit, and the museum staff wants to make sure your students get to see them. *Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon*, organized by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, will be on exhibit at the museum through January 21, 2011. The exhibit includes more than 100 original artifacts associated with the nation's first president, including the only surviving complete set of his dentures.

The Museum of History is the only venue in the Southeast that is hosting this exciting touring exhibit. There is no admission fee for school groups! For educational resources relating to the exhibit, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/Washington/education.html](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/Washington/education.html). Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. To schedule tours for groups, call Capital Area Visitor Services at 919-807-7950 or tollfree at 866-724-8684.

*Discover the Real George Washington* is organized by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

## Can You Say Sesquicentennial?

*Ses-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl*. The Civil War sesquicentennial, or the 150th anniversary of the war, will be commemorated in North Carolina from 2011 to 2015. There will be many special events taking place across the state throughout this time period, so be sure to check with your local history museums, sites, and societies.

In preparation for this observance, the fall 2010 issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian* magazine focuses on Antebellum Places, and the spring 2011 issue will focus on Remembering the Civil War. These will be the themes of the 2011 THJHA Annual Convention workshops.

Visit [www.nccivilwar150.com](http://www.nccivilwar150.com) for more information on the sesquicentennial in North Carolina.

**Any questions? Need more information?**  
**Contact Jessica Pratt, THJHA Program Coordinator, any time**  
**at 919-807-7985 or [jessica.pratt@ncdcr.gov](mailto:jessica.pratt@ncdcr.gov).**

# Please help THJHA, if THJHA has helped you and your students!

During these tough times of deep cuts to the state budget, nothing is off the table. This includes, for example, *Tar Heel Junior Historian* magazine. There have been suggestions to offer the magazine in an online-only format, because the state budget no longer covers the printing costs. The Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Advisory Board is unanimous in the opinion that this would not be beneficial to the THJHA program and could be a blow to educators already making do with fewer resources.

The association has set up a survey to find out how you use the magazine with your club and collect your opinions on the idea of an online magazine. Please tell THJHA what you think at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q3V9CDV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q3V9CDV). You must respond by November 24.

THJHA is currently working on several efforts to raise private funds to help pay for the printing of the magazine, exciting updates to the *Tar Heel Junior Historian Association* exhibit, and other efforts including the Annual Convention. You can help by providing an adviser or student statement or writing a brief letter to express what the THJHA program has meant to you and your students. This is information that can be shared with potential donors, as well as with leaders within state government and the Department of Cultural Resources.

**Please send comments to [thjhaclubs@ncdcr.gov](mailto:thjhaclubs@ncdcr.gov) or  
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There may be more ways that your club can help in the coming months. The association plans to apply for a grant from the Pepsi Refresh Project that would help fund a reimagined, more interactive THJHA exhibit. If selected as a finalist, THJHA would move to the voting phase in January. Several projects at each grant level that receive the highest number of online, text, and Facebook votes will receive the money. Think of all the ways that this effort could tie in to a club or school project on civic engagement or marketing! Keep your fingers crossed that THJHA makes it through the first round, think of creative ways to get adults and students (age 13 and up) involved in voting, and stay tuned for updates. Please let the program coordinator know of any other grant or funding opportunities that might benefit the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association. Your help can make sure that History Happens Here.